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In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
JENDICK

Appln. No. 09/412,362

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING  
MARKED ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED IN CANS



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows  
and consider the following remarks:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following new claims:

100. (New) A method as claimed in claim 44, further comprising extending the  
laser engravings a finite depth into a metal portion of the metal strip to form marks in at least  
one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the metal strip.

101. (New) A method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the strip is in the  
immobilized condition for less than about 60 milliseconds for forming at least four  
characters.